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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR SEALING A WELLBORE

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

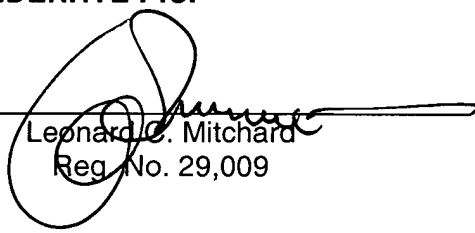
In response to the Official Action of January 23, 2008, (for which petition is hereby made for a one-month extension of time), and the requirement for restriction presented in it, applicants elect the subject matter of Group I, that is claims 31-50 and 60, directed to an apparatus for plastically expanding a tubular patch in a wellbore or a method for sealing a hole in a tubular in a wellbore or for sealing an open hole interval of a wellbore or a method of hanging a liner string from a cased or lined interval of a wellbore.

An examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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